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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hui Tian *et al.*

Application No.: 09/837,992

Filed: April 18, 2001

For: SITOSTEROLEMIA
SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE (SSG):
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF
USE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8880

Examiner: Christian L. Fronda

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.